



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2004, 6:30 p.m.

City Hall – Mayor’s Ceremonial Room

Members Present: Steve Stearns, Jacob Hernandez, Heather Troxel, Nancy Hart, Christina Duran, Manuel Carrasco, Barbara Brown, Suzy Q Parker, Norm Gritton, Jay Dyer, Randy Akes, Jr., David A. McNiel, Wivory Brandle, Pat Watson, Marisol Ruiz, Brian Percy, Norm Gritton,

Members Excused: Erin House, Dana Kruckenberg, Barbara Brown

Members Unexcused: Cynthia Woods, Laura Powers, Annette Martinez Lievanos

Guests: Etta Brown, Lindsay Abercromie

Staff: Brianna Ramirez, Lorena Guerrero, Eva Yakutis-McNiel, and Martha Matus

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Meeting was called to order by E. Randy Akes, Jr. at 6:35 p.m. Self-introduction of members and guests followed.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of May 3, 2004
(McNiel/Stearns carried)

3. Neighborhood Reports

Jacob Hernandez: Reported on various Angel games trips that park advisory took the kids to; computer lab dedication; September 11 will be dedication of memorial to veterans at Villegas Park; new gym opens in October; 15 loads were taken to the dump by residents as part of the Great American Clean-up on May 15.

Steve Stearns: Report on Sports Wall of Fame

David McNiel: Report on status of Best, Best, and Krieger building

Christina Duran: Reported on Community Garden Meeting at Emerson Elementary and a visit to Arlanza Community Garden; NUSA presentation on urban art.

4. Executive Committee Meeting Schedule

Discussion of executive board meeting to work on issues between meetings such as the Mayor’s Challenge, report to City Council, work on agenda, etc.

5. Subcommittee Report:

Mayor’s Challenge

No report.

PTS Committee

Suggestion made that items be taken to PTS each month. Wivory suggested sending a letter and going to the meetings. David McNiel to contact Fran about the “receive and

file” of the RNP recommendations. Brian Percy suggested members go to the board meetings. It was also suggested the RNP look at what humps have been denied and why. PTS meets the first Wednesday of each month.

6. Caucus Action Planning

Further discussion and clarification of Caucus planning and instructions per meeting of May 26. Eva Yakutis-McNiel invited any members that would like some personal help on their caucus presentations to stay after the meeting or set a time and date with her to meet.

Eva Yakutis-McNiel requested that RNP members act as room hosts at the conference. RNP members will be assigned to introduce speakers in some of the workshops they attend. Eva will prepare the assignment list.

7. Future Agenda Items: Caucus Planning, Homeless Coordinator, Youth Awards, Creative Conscience, Neighborhood Matching Grants workshop, various trainings relative to community organizing and mission and goals of the RNP.

8. Other Business:

Casa Blanca CAG requests a letter in support from the RNP supporting the CAG’s position against the sale of alcohol at the gas station at Madison and Indiana. Discussion and motion made to do so.

(Gritton/Dyer/Carried) Percy Abstained.

9. Next Meeting: July 6, 2004

10. Meeting adjourned

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